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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A system for holding poured material in a desired shape until the concrete sets, the system comprising:

a plurality of forms, each said form having a panel with a first end and a second end and two end brackets, one attached to each of said first end and said second end, each said end bracket having a tubular portion with a hole therethrough;

a plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with said plurality of forms when said hole of two adjacent forms of said plurality of forms align one with another; and

at least one bracket secured to a top of one or more of said forms to maintain a spacing between spaced apart and parallel forms of said plurality of forms.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, further comprising at least one end member, said end member being disposed between two of said plurality of forms that are spaced apart one from another, said at least one end member maintaining a spacing between said two forms.

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13. (Original) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising at least one end member disposed between two of said plurality of forms, said at least one end member comprising:

a panel comprising a first end, a second end, and a first surface and a second surface extending between said first end and said second end; and

two bulkhead brackets mounted to said panel, each said bulkhead bracket comprising a first flange extending from said panel and a second flange extending from said panel, one of said plurality of forms being disposed between said first flange and said second flange.

14. (Original) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein said first flange and said second flange each further comprise a hole, said hole receiving one of said plurality of stakes to prevent movement of said at least one end member relative to said plurality of said forms.

15. (Original) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein at least two forms of said plurality of forms are separated one from another, with a gap therebetween.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising at least one skin panel, said at least one skin panel bridging said gap between said at least two forms of said plurality of forms.

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17. (Original) The system as recited in claim 16, wherein said at least one skin panel comprises a first portion separated from a second portion by an intermediate portion, said first portion and said second portion extending from said intermediate portion in the same direction and forming a channel that receives a portion of said at least two forms.

18. (Original) The system as recited in claim 16, wherein said first portion and said second portion have the same length.

19. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said intermediate portion further comprises a plurality of holes, said holes being complementary to said hole in said end bracket.

20. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein one of said plurality of stakes passes through at least one of said plurality of holes in said intermediate portion and said hole in said end bracket, said stake being driven into a portion of ground to secure said system in place.

21. (Original) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising a pair of vertical panels that hold the material in the shape against an inclined surface, each said vertical panel being fixed on a top surface of said at least one of said plurality of forms.

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22. (Original) The system as recited in claim 21, wherein each said vertical panel further comprises a mounting member that prevents vertical movement of said vertical panel relative to at least one of said plurality of forms.

23-31. (Canceled)

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32. (New) A system for holding poured material in a desired shape until the concrete sets, the system comprising:

a plurality of forms, each said form having a panel with a first end, a second end, and a first surface and a second surface extending between said first end and said second end, and two end brackets, one attached to each of said first end and said second end, each said end bracket comprising a flange mounted to said panel and a tubular portion extending from said flange, said tubular portion extending from a first surface toward a second surface and terminating distal to said second surface;

a plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with said plurality of forms when said hole of two adjacent forms of said plurality of forms align one with another; and

at least one bracket secured to a top of one or more of said forms to maintain a spacing between spaced apart and parallel forms of said plurality of forms.

33. (New) The system of claim 32, further comprising at least one bulkhead form mountable between two of said plurality of forms that are spaced apart one from another, said at least one bulkhead member maintaining a spacing between said two forms.

34. (New) The system as recited in claim 33, wherein said at least one bulkhead form comprises:

a panel comprising a first panel end, a second panel end, and a first panel surface and a second panel surface extending between said first panel end and said second panel end; and

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two bulkhead brackets mounted to said panel, each said bulkhead bracket comprising a first flange extending from said panel and a second flange extending from said panel, one of said plurality of forms being disposed between said first flange and said second flange.

35. (New) The system as recited in claim 34, wherein said first flange and said second flange each further comprise a hole, said hole receiving one of said plurality of stakes to prevent movement of said at least one bulkhead bracket relative to said plurality of said forms.

36. (New) The system as recited in claim 32, further comprising at least one skin panel mounted between two spaced apart forms of said plurality of forms.

37. (New) The system as recited in claim 36, wherein said at least one skin panel comprises a first portion separated from a second portion by an intermediate portion, said first portion and said second portion extending from said intermediate portion in the same direction and forming a channel that receives a portion of said at least two forms.

38. (New) The system as recited in claim 32, wherein said panel is fabricated from a material selected from a group consisting of a natural material, a synthetic material, a metallic material, a composite material, or a metallic alloy.

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39. (New) A system for holding poured material in a desired shape until the concrete sets, the system comprising:

a plurality of forms, each said form having a panel with a first end and a second end and a first end bracket mounted to the first end and a second end bracket mounted to the second end, each said end bracket comprising a flange mounted to said panel and a stake receiving portion;

a plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with said plurality of forms when said stake receiving portion of two adjacent forms of said plurality of forms align one with another;

at least one bracket secured to a top of one or more of said forms to maintain a spacing between spaced apart and parallel forms of said plurality of forms; and

at least one bulkhead form mounted to two spaced apart forms of said plurality of forms.

40. (New) The system as recited in claim 39, further comprising at least one skin panel mountable to two of said plurality of forms.

41. (New) The system as recited in claim 40, wherein said at least one skin panel comprises a first portion separated from a second portion by an intermediate portion, said first portion and said second portion extending from said intermediate portion in the same direction and forming a channel that receives a portion of said at least two forms.

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42. (New) The system as recited in claim 40, wherein said first portion and said second portion have the same length.

43. (New) The system as recited in claim 42, wherein said intermediate portion further comprises a plurality of stake receiving holes.

44. (New) The system as recited in claim 43, wherein one of said plurality of stakes passes through at least one of said plurality of holes in said intermediate portion and said hole in said end bracket, said stake being driven into a portion of ground to secure said system in place.

45. (New) The system as recited in claim 39, further comprising a pair of vertical panels that hold the material in the shape against an inclined surface, each said vertical panel being fixed on a top surface of said at least one of said plurality of forms.

46. (New) The system as recited in claim 45, wherein each said vertical panel further comprises a mounting member that prevents vertical movement of said vertical panel relative to at least one of said plurality of forms.